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R 201656Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7511
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
AMEMBASSY BAMAKO
AMEMBASSY NIAMEY
AMEMBASSY ROME

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AFDROUGHT

ROME FOR FODAG

EO 11652: NA

SUBJ: COTONOU/PARAKOU DELIVERY WEEKLY REPORT NO 17
AUG 10 TO AUG 16

REF A. COTONOU 1228 B. COTONOU 1227

1. SITUATION IN PORT OF COTONOU

EVACUATED STOCK AS OF 17 AUG
TOTAL BY TRUCK

A. TOTAL RELIEF GOODS 611.7 0 1498.9 ESTIMATE

I. AID SORGHUM MAIL 611.7 0 1498.9 ESTIMATE
SACOTRA (DELTA PARAGUAY) 342.4 0 100.0
SOCOPAO (DEL SOL) 269.3 0 1398.9

B. TOTAL ESSENTIAL COMMERCIAL FOODS

I. SALT 1037.5 0 834.5 ESTIMATE

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SACOTRA 50.0 0 NA

SOCOPAO 987.5 0 834.5

- C. AVERAGE RELIEF GOODS EVACUATED PER DAY 87.38 MT
- D. GENERAL MERCHANDISE EVACUATED DURING REPORTING PERIOD
819.0 MT
- E. PERCENTAGE OF SUITABLE RAIL CARS DEVOTED TO ESSENTIAL
FOODSTUFFS 60 PERCENT
- F. ARRIVALS DURING REPORTING PERIOD: NONE

2. PARAKOU SITUATION EVACUATED NO TRUCKS STOCK AS OF

- A. TOTAL GOODS 2723 MT 158 NA
- B. RELIEF FOOD 88 MT 7 NA
- C. GENERAL MERCHANDISE 2635 MT 51 NA

3. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, 26 MT OF SORGHUM FROM THE DEL SOL LOT (SOCOPAO) WERE SHIPPED ON 3 TRUCKS FROM PARAKOU TO GAO. DURNG VISIT TO PARAKOU AUG 19, CRAWFORD DISCUSSED TRUCKING SITUATION WITH OCDN REP WHO STATED THAT HE HAS MORE TRUCKS WAITING ON A GIVEN DAY THAN HE CAN LOAD. NONETHELESS, ACCORDING TO HIM, TRUCKERS WOULD RATHER WAIT IDLE IN PARAKOU FOR A FEW DAYS IN ORDER EVENTUALLY TO OBTAIN A CARGO FOR NIGER THAN ACCEPT A LOAD OF SORHUM FOR GAO.

4. FIGURES OBTAINED FOR MOVEMENT OF SORGHUM IN AND OUT OF PARAKOU AS OF AUG 19 AM ARE:

RECD BY FREIGHT BOAT EVAC FROM STOCKAS OF 19 AUG
PARAKOU FORWARDER PARAKOU TO GAO

1135.531 MT SACOTRA DELTA 68.230 MT 1067.301 MT
PARAGUAY

660.469 SOCOPAO DEL SOL 349.779 MT 265.690 MT

251.144 MT SOCOPAO HELENE ROTH 0 1584.135 MT

SACOTRA HAS THEREFORE SHIPPED ALMOST 100 PERCENT OF ITS CONSIGNMENT AS FAR AS PARAKOU. THE 911.5 MT SHIPPED BY SOCOPAO REPRESENT APPROX 36 PERCENT OF ITS CONSIGNMENT. SORGHUM IS UNCLASSIFIED

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NEATLY STACKED UNDER COVER IN THREE WAREHOUSES. WAREHOUSES ARE CLEANER THAN THOSE IN WHICH SORGHUM CURRENTLY STORED IN COTONOU. THERE ARE FEW BROKEN OR DAMAGED BAGS IN EVIDENCE. SOME FLYING (PROBABLY EPHESTIA CAUTELLA) AND CRAWLING INSECTS (APPARENTLY MAGGOTS AND WEEVILS) WEERE SEEN ON OR AROUND STACKS. HOWEVER, STACKS SEEMED GENERALLY CLEARNER THAN THOSE CURRENTLY IN COTONOU. NO CAPABILITY FOR FUMIGATION IS MAINTAINED IN PARALOU. IN ORDER TO FUMIGATE SORGHUM THERE, TECHNICIANS WOULD

HAVE TO BE SENT FROM COTONOU EQUIPPED WITHINSECTICIDE, TARPS,
AND WHATEVER OTHER MATEIALS MIGHT BE NECESSARLY. SINCE SORGHUM
MIGHT HAVE TO BE
RESTACKED INTO SMALLER LOTS, OPERATION COULD TAKE SEVERAL
DAYS. IN VIEW THESE FACTS AND EVIDENCE THAT RATE OF EVACUATION
FROM COTONOU MAY BE ACCELERATING, SUGGEST BAMAKO AND NIAMEY
INVESTIGE NECESSITY AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR FUMIGATING
SORGHUM UPON RECEIPT.

5. VISIT OF OCDN DIR DOREGO TO PARAKOU, NIAMEY, GAO MEN-
TIONED REF B WAS DELAYED. DOREGO DEPARTING COTONOU EVENING
AUG 20. WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE NIAMEY EVENING AUG 21 WHERE HE
WILL DISCUSS AVAILABILITY OF OPVN TRUCKS FOR NIAMEY AND GAO
SHIPMENTS. PLANS TO PROCEED BY LAND ROVER TO GAO THEN RETURN
COTONOU BY AUG 29. AID COTONOU WILL CONTACT HIM THEN FOR LATEST
INFO ON PARAKOU/GAO ROAD.

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